

REPUBLICAN THRIFT IS SQUANDERED BY WILSON

Built Panama Canal Out of Current Revenues, Patriotically Hoarding Bonds in Treasury Which Democrats Flinch to Hide a Deficit.

CARNIVAL OF DEBAUCHERY IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

Senator Penrose Believes the Looted Condition of the Treasury Will Necessitate the Withholding of Contracts for Battleships and Delay the Whole Scheme of Preparedness—Nation's Money Frittered Away to Finance Hare-Brained and Ill-Advised Projects.

William E. Wilcox, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has received from Senator Penrose a brief but positive summing up of the extravagance of the Wilson Administration during the session of Congress just about to close. The Senator says:

"When the country realizes what this Congress has done in the way of appropriations it will be dumfounded. Already, it has been shown that over a billion, seven or eight hundred million dollars have been appropriated—more money than was ever appropriated in any one year in the history of the American government. The total will reach nearly two billion dollars before the end of this carnival of debauchery in public expenditures is reached, because no account has been taken of the twenty-five millions for the Danish Islands, the thirty millions which the government will probably have to refund as a result of the five per cent rebate allowed on importations brought across the seas from American bottoms, and other matters which are likely to come up."

"It is only too evident that this bill which is expected to bring in some two hundred million dollars will be absolutely fail to meet even the requirements for the ill-advised and certainly not urgent projects authorized by the present Congress."

"It is now claimed that these projects are to be financed by the issuance of Panama Canal bonds. The American people will regard such a proceeding as a very queer one because the issuing of bonds by the Cleveland Administration largely helped to bring about the downfall of the Democratic party in 1896. A bond issue has ever since been viewed with abhorrence by the Democracy; now, we find the party leaders compelled, by reason of their extravagance and ineptitude, to resort to it."

"To defray the expenses of a nitrate plant and of a shipping board and many other needless projects by the issuing of Panama bonds will be in the last analysis equivalent to paying for them by bond issues. These bonds are lying in the treasury unused as the result of the thrift and economy and wise administration of the Republican party."

"Only about \$130,000,000 of bonds were put out in the construction of the Panama Canal. The balance of the cost of that stupendous undertaking was paid out of current revenues; and now, to advance the novel doctrine that these bonds which represent the thrift of preceding years shall be issued for these questionable projects is, to my mind, preposterous. In fact, it was expressly provided in the Spooner Act that Panama Canal bonds should not be issued for any other purpose than that of the construction of the Canal, and the ingenious theory that they can be issued now to repay the treasury and that then the money can be squandered by the party in power to finance doubtful projects and to make good a deficit will not alter the fact that such a deficit exists."

"No amount of reasoning on the part of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance will alter the fact that outside of preparedness there has been at least \$200,000,000 of wasteful appropriations and expenditures by the present Congress. That condition of the treasury will absolutely necessitate the withholding of contracts for battleships and delay the whole scheme of preparedness."

"The figures of the Secretary of the Treasury may be juggled as they may, but when the Secretary is up against the brute fact of not having money to pay for these projects he will then find that figures will not make a surplus in the treasury."

Belated Vindication.

The Persians of the time of Cyrus were Zoroastrians. The Persian religion was primitively monotheistic, and they allowed no idols or other material symbols of deity in their temples. There was less enmity on the part of the Jews against the Persians than against the other great nations with whom they came in contact, due probably to the monotheism which characterized the Persian religion. So Cyrus, whatever else may be said of him, was certainly not an idolater.—Christian Herald.

Everybody's Sentimental.

The truth is that we are all sentimental at heart, whatever our culture. Even though we appreciate Brahms, shall we not find some pleasure in the repertoire of the band organ, and though we admire Botticelli, shall we utterly condemn Darby and Joan? There are moods in which Jean Ingelow and Mrs. Hemans are not mawkish. The thousands still weep over the death of Little Nell, though the critics sneer.—Robert M. Gay, in the Atlantic.

NOTHING TO DO BUT WORK!



BITS OF STATE NEWS

Thursday evening, says the Weston Free Press, a number of the young men of Lewis county met and organized the Young Men's Hughes Republican Club of Lewis County. They selected as temporary officers: G. E. White, of Weston, president; Henry Bailey, of Weston, secretary; Sullivan Fucy, of Weston, treasurer. Since then the organization has grown to a membership of forty, and from all indications will reach 200 within a week. The organization is open to all Republicans in the county under the age of 35 years.

The annual apple show, given in Wheeling for the past few years under the auspices of the Pan Handle Agricultural club, will likely not be held this fall, according to I. S. Cook, Ohio county agent and Webster H. Sill, agent of Brooke county. Prof. Cook said that on account of the exceedingly poor apple crop in this section this fall it would be impossible to have a show up to the usual standard; that orchardists have had thousands of bushels of apples destroyed by the heavy frosts.

This condition, however, did not extend over the state. For instance the Western Independent in a recent issue printed the following: "A representative of this paper had the pleasure of a visit to the beautiful orchard of E. M. Bennett, Sr., just below Weston, one day last week. Its a sight well worth seeing. There are about 400 trees consisting of apple, cherry, plum and peach, ages about 3 to 24, and all in fine shape. He had about 1000 bushel and about 700 yet remains to be picked. The varieties being numerous, we mention just a few Rome and Glades Beauty, Winter Rambo, Ben Davis, Grim's Golden, Bailey Sweets and Twenty Ounce. He picked and sold 90 gallons of Damsel plums."

On account of the dry weather in the Ohio river bottom lands the corn crop this year has ripened earlier than usual, the farmers say, and already a large number of them have started to cutting and placing it in shock according to the Parkersburg News. In labor question with the farmers in this section of the valley this year has been a serious one and many of them have been unable to get all they need. They say the corn crop is heavy and that it will be some time before all of it has been cut.

George Morgan, a well known Sistersville painter, paper hanger and decorator, but best known perhaps for his Republican tendencies and his wont to severely criticize all things Democratic, was conversing with a small group of friends on political matters and the extravagance of Congress. Mr. Morgan delivered himself as follows:

"Speaking of extravagance, well do

I remember the waste which took place right here at the time the great Sistersville oil field was opened up. At that time I lived at a place in the interior of the county which was perhaps ten or twelve miles distant from Sistersville, and the glare of the burning gas from the oil wells made it possible for me to read my Republican newspaper without lamp or gas light."

J. M. Walker, according to the Wellburg News, has in his possession, and old wooden lock taken from the original log house built upon the John Walker Homestead in Cross Creek district. The lock in itself is quite a curiosity and is made from a piece of live oak 7x4 inches the key hole being carried out of wood, the nails with which it was fastened on having been made by a blacksmith gunsmith and even the tacks that hold the plate over the springs are hand made. The springs are heavy and direct in action, and evidently have never broken. The lock is 111 years old the house having been built by J. M. Walker's grandfather John Walker in 1805 his sister occupying the new log house from 1805 to 1807 when his grandfather moved in. Next, his son John father of J. M. Walker was born there likewise the present owner of the lock and lived therein until 1876. The house still stands although moved out into a field and kept no doubt for the sake of cherished memories—marriages, deaths, births, joy, sorrow and grief, the bitter and the sweet with the latter in predominance always, the memory of an old log house, is like unto a sacred volume of family history.

The Cumberland, Md., Times recently printed this story: "Mr. and Mrs. C. Troutman, Mr. and Mrs. P. Keyser and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dickens and family have returned from camping at Round Bottom on the Potomac three and a half miles from Green Springs, W. Va. Their catch during the outing included 76 eels, the largest measuring 5 feet, 9 inches; 48 bass, the largest weighing 4 and one half pounds, and 72 catfish."

In last week's issue of the St. Mary's Oracle the following appeared: "It is not every one who can induce a dahlia to grow to the height of ten feet, but that has been done by Mrs. John Locke on the corner of George and First street. The flower is so high up that one has to get on a step ladder to look at it. We doubt if even California can beat it."

Guided by Magnetic Currents. Recent experience has tended to show that carrier pigeons and other birds of passage are guided by magnetic currents. M. A. Thauler, a French student of pigeons, has noted that on two occasions when pigeon flights were unsatisfactory magnetic storms were occurring, and the flights of these birds have been becoming of late uncertain and erratic since wireless telegraphy came into extensive use.

NEW TALKING MACHINE RECORDS

Columbia has given us a most unusual recording in the famous English song, "Tommy Lad."

The potent appeal of the song may lie in the fact that perhaps never before had a "her's love" for his "scarce-wee-year-old" lad had been expressed in song. Louis Graveure, whose wonderful baritone voice has endeared him to music lovers the world over sings the father's fervent prayers for wee "Tommy" with consummate tenderness.

The glowing words reflect the sentiment of universal fatherhood: The love often uttered in speech but so eloquently demonstrated in countless other ways. The melody, as broodingly sweet as the theme itself.

The latest and most nonsensical romance of "Roaming Romeo" has been recorded by Columbia under the title of "Oh, How She Could Yack! Haki Wicki Wack! Woo."

Instead of "ving his hoar: broken in two it's a wonder that "Roaming Romeo" didn't die of mirth if his Hula Hula, of Honolulu, "Yack! Haki Wicki Wack! Woo" as effectively as those two clever comedians, Arthur Collins and Byron Harlin. If "That's Love in Honolulu," as the composer assures us it is, Honolulu wouldn't be a bad place for the tourist with a groch to lose.

The melody is typically Von Tilzer-pleasing to the ear.

"Hill and Dale," a syncopated fox-trot, lately recorded by Columbia, is a light well called a "Fox Chase." For the music has all the stirring "go" in it of a chase over hill and dale. The Van Eps Trio always succeed in livening things up with their spirited banjo, saxophone and piano selections. And their playing of "Hill and Dale" is speed and brilliance.

One cannot help wishing that young Reynard should escape, just to prolong the syncopated canter. We don't wonder that the late Billy Williams packed English music halls beyond their seating capacity after we have heard his Columbia recording, "I'll Have to Ask My Mother."

The song is a characterization of a lively youth with indescribably funny vocal antics. After he has made things hum for a while and quite convinced his audience that he is a thoroughly mischievous boy, he tries to redeem himself. His assumption of pity is even funnier than his naughtiness. This gem of comedy by English composers offers unique entertainment for the children as well as the grown-ups.

Doesn't Seem Real. We know of few things more unconvincing than a poker game on the stage.

Political Jottings.

The Houston Post reasons that it was easier for its own beloved Democracy to endorse the President's Mexican policy than to define it.

While he was about it Senator James Hamilton Lewis also might have explained that the Rome that was "too proud to fight" died a rather disastrous death.

"In all fairness," asks the Boston Transcript, "shouldn't the expense of financing Carranza be borne by the Democratic campaign committee?"

Democrats really haven't any objection to big appropriations for army and navy and internal improvements. They expect the Republicans to rustle the revenue to foot the bills for the next four years.

Hughes says he would like six months to investigate the Administration, but the Administration figures he's doing very well as it is.

Yes, and the same policies that have filled Judge Hughes and others with "a deep sense of shame," have sent many other Americans to their graves.

The President has changed his mind about sending more troops to the border, thus running true to form.

When Tom Taggart talks economy to them, it is time the Democrats stopped their extravagance.

The Hughes smile is beginning to attract favorable attention.

President Entertains Five Progressives—Headline. Others he simply amuses.

Democratic papers chide Hughes because he says he is "100 per cent. a candidate." The Wilson papers naturally prefer a fifty-fifty candidate.

The President says he has no interest in any political party, "except as an instrument of achievement." If that's it, then how did he happen to select such a poor instrument as the Democratic party?

Carranza isn't a candidate for President of the United States, but he did more for American preparedness in three weeks than Woodrow Wilson did in three years.

Another thing you never hear of since the Democrats reduced the cost of living is the "baker's dozen."

Mr. Hughes is criticized for his frequent use of the word "Now." Evidently his immediateness is worrying the watchful watchers who put things off until tomorrow.

Families living in rural districts where mail service has been curtailed will be interested in knowing that Postmaster General Burleson has sent Secretary McAdoo a check for \$5,200,000, representing surplus postal revenues.

Mr. Gardner should not quote what Mr. Wilson said while president of Princeton. His utterances are outlawed by himself in seven days.

That man Hughes is causing the Democratic newspapers an endless amount of worry. Apparently they will never be satisfied until he turns the management of his campaign over to them.

Mr. Hughes' speeches are giving poor satisfaction to the Democratic press, which proves they are very good speeches, indeed.

Secretary Baker is developing an agility in changing his mind that must endear him to his discoverer.

Mr. Wilson's Administration must confess itself incompetent in one respect or the other. It either has appropriated for an uneeded navy or it has neglected a needed navy. It can select its fault to suit itself. In one respect or the other it must be wrong.

"I believe in efficiency in politics just as much as in anything else," says Mr. Hughes. Efficiency is an excellent watch-word, and its use in the campaign is merely a forerunner of its use in the White House when he gets there.

First they said that Hughes was an iceberg, now they are saying that he is a mud-slinger. He cannot possibly be both, and as a matter of fact, is neither. The Democrats must feel in a mighty bad way when they cry out "mud and treason."

Mr. J. L. Torrey, who has been ill or some time, continues in poor health with not much change in his condition.

FATHER AND CHILD ROMANCE ENDS IN SHOOTING BY WIFE



JAMES BARNES AND WIFE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—"They married when she was 23 and he was 40 as the result of a sort of father and child romance," says George H. Guenther, attorney for Mrs. Iva Barnes, charged with the murder of her husband, James R. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes was infatuated with her husband, Guenther said, according to the police, and after he sued for divorce he would refuse to consider a reconciliation.

Police are trying to learn if Mrs. Barnes ever carried a revolver before the night she is alleged to have fired three shots into the head of her husband in Washington park, where they had gone to discuss a pre-divorce agreement.

Mrs. Barnes said at last, according to the police, that she shot Barnes in self-defense after he choked and cursed her. Her attorneys now deny all stories told the police and there has been a hint of suicide.

Varieties of the Peanut. Roughly speaking, three varieties of peanut are grown in this country—white and Spanish. The white, the most important variety, has a nut with two kernels; with pink skins; its vine spreads along the ground, in this respect unlike that of the red variety, which grows more upright and in bunch. The pod of the red nut hold three or sometimes four kernels, as in a deep red skin. The Spanish is much smaller nut, with a lighter skin and milder flavor than either of the others possesses. The entire crop is shelled and used especially in the confection known as nougat.

Vain Repinings. "By right of conquest," he declared, the maid belonged to him; but as along life's path they fared—his eyesight growing dim, her temper waxing sharp and shrewd, her tongue became uproarious; and he wished, as his wife viewed, that he hadn't been victorious.

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